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"Knowledge and education are the basis for social development and prosperity. Sweden must develop as a knowledge nation, with world-class research and higher education."

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Government signed Artemis Accords on space exploration

16 April 2024 Minister for Education Mats Persson and US Ambassador Erik D. Ramanathan. Photo: Margareta Stridh/Regeringskansliet

On April 16, Minister for Education Mats Persson signed the Artemis Accords, a set of principles for exploration and conduct in space. This also enables Sweden to take part in the international US-led Artemis campaign.

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[NASA Administrator Bill Nelson on Sweden joining the Artemis Accords](#)

On April 16 Minister for Education Mats Persson signed the Artemis Accords, a set of principles for exploration and conduct in space. During the ceremony NASA Administrator Bill Nelson delivered the following video remarks.

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[Sweden and US strengthen cooperation on research, innovation and education](#)

To improve the conditions for cooperation between Swedish and American universities, research institutions and businesses on research, innovation and education, Vinnova and the Swedish Research Council have signed a five-year memorandum of understanding with the National Science Foundation (NSF) of the United States of America.

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[Government signs Artemis Accords on space exploration](#)

Today, Minister for Education Mats Persson signed the Artemis Accords, a set of principles for exploration and conduct in space. This also enables Sweden to take part in the international US-led Artemis campaign.

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[Inquiry on improving conditions for foreign doctoral students and researchers in Sweden and more reliable assessments of resident permits for studies](#)

An inquiry has been tasked with proposing measures to improve the prospects of attracting and retaining foreign doctoral students and researchers in Sweden. The aim is to strengthen Sweden's competitiveness as a research and innovation nation. The inquiry will also review the regulatory framework for residence permits for studies, with the aim of counteracting abuse of study permits.

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[Agreement with United States promotes cancer research](#)

Sweden and the US have entered into a bilateral cooperation agreement on cancer research and care. The agreement builds on the cooperation agreement that the two countries concluded in 2016 with the aim of accelerating research results through increased exchange.

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[Sweden's latest astronaut in space](#)

The Government is looking to advance Sweden's position in the space sector, and overnight Marcus Wandt became the third Swede in space. Following a successful launch from Florida, he began his journey to the International Space Station.

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[Mats Persson visits United States to attend launch of Marcus Wandt space mission](#)

Minister for Education Mats Persson is visiting the United States on 15–20 January to attend the launch of a mission involving Sweden's latest astronaut, Marcus Wandt. Mr Persson will also visit New York for meetings and study visits with a focus on STEM education and research, technology and AI.

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[Government has adopted a new Strategy for Sweden's Trade, Investment and Global Competitiveness](#)

The Government has adopted a new trade strategy, with the objective of giving Swedish businesses the best possible conditions to both address emerging challenges and of harness business opportunities that arise in the green and digital transition.

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[Increased funding to University of Gothenburg to combat antisemitism](#)

In light of international developments, the Government will increase its support to the University of Gothenburg which, via the Segerstedt Institute, spreads knowledge of working methods to combat antisemitism. This year, the Government will provide another SEK 1 million, and it intends to provide another SEK 3 million to support these efforts in 2024.

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[Government statement in light of attack in Brussels](#)

Yesterday evening, the Government received the alarming news that two Swedes were killed in a terrorist attack in Brussels. The attack appears to have been aimed at Sweden and Swedish interests. Our thoughts are with the deceased and their relatives.

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[Mats Persson and Lotta Edholm visit London](#)

On 26–27 September, Minister for Education Mats Persson and Minister for Schools Lotta Edholm will visit London, where they will meet with their British counterparts. The visit is an opportunity for Sweden and the United Kingdom to exchange knowledge about education issues and strengthen relations between the two countries.

Published 25 September 2023 · [Press release](#) from [Lotta Edholm](#), [Mats Persson](#), [Ministry of Education and Research](#)

[Sweden and the United States strengthen energy research cooperation](#)

Research and innovation promote progress in the energy sector. Minister for Education Mats Persson today signed an implementation agreement for energy research cooperation with the United States. The agreement was signed in the Reactor Hall at KTH Royal Institute of Technology, where research reactor R1 – Sweden's first nuclear reactor – contributed to research between 1954 and 1970.

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[Conference in Lund to focus on potential of research data](#)

On 19–20 June, the Swedish Presidency will host a conference together with the Swedish Research Council and Vinnova on research data, and how research infrastructure provides new possibilities and benefits for society.

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[Mats Persson and Lotta Edholm to deliver opening addresses at EU education meetings in Sweden](#)

During the week of 20–24 March, several meetings focusing on education will be held as part of the Swedish Presidency of the Council of the EU. Skills supply, the green transition and education for Ukrainian pupils are among the agenda items. Minister for Education Mats Persson and Minister for Schools Lotta Edholm will both deliver opening addresses.

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[People with visa exemptions to be able to show their original passport](#)

At Thursday's government meeting, the Government tasked the Swedish Migration Agency with making it easier for people with visa exemptions to show their original passport when applying for a temporary residence and work permit.

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[Swedish Higher Education Authority to conduct case studies on academic freedom](#)

The Government has instructed the Swedish Higher Education Authority to conduct case studies on academic freedom. The aim is to provide an in-depth understanding of the work of universities and higher education institutions in promoting and protecting academic freedom and a culture that allows the free pursuit and dissemination of knowledge.

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